

The Examiner rejected claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as containing subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The Examiner states that there is no basis for claiming oxyfluoride as a preferred oxyhalide catalyst. Applicants have amended the specification to provide basis therein for original claims 6-8. Applicants respectfully submit that support for the amendment to the specification may be found in original claims 6-8. No new matter is added as a result of this amendment.

According to the Examiner, zinc is not described in the specification as a catalyst. Applicants respectfully disagree. The specification clearly teaches at page 4, lines 16-17 that "[e]xemplary catalysts include, without limitation, chromium, copper, aluminum, cobalt, magnesium, manganese, **zinc** ..." (emphasis added). Nonetheless, the specification has been amended to provide basis therein for a catalyst comprising zinc or a compound of zinc and a metal oxide. Applicants respectfully submit that original claim 8 *per se* provides support for the amendment. No new matter is added.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 8 is in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendment, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claim 8 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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